



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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## **Your family's healthcare may change in October 2002!**

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### **What is happening?**

On October 1, 2002, some medical programs through the Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) will end. These are the programs for:

- undocumented children,
- some non-citizen immigrant children and families who have been in the United States less than 5 years, and
- a few other non-citizen children and families.

One or more of the people in your household is in one of the programs that are ending. They may not qualify for continuing DSHS medical coverage. They will be able to apply for Basic Health -- a state program offering low-cost medical coverage. Basic Health will send you an application with more information about services in the next few days.

We will also send you more information about seeing if you qualify for a different medical program through DSHS. To find out if you are eligible, you will have to update your information with us.

### **What do you need to do?**

- Watch your mail for a Basic Health application! When you get your Basic Health application -- within the next few days -- look at the blue list with this letter and call one of the community health centers, clinics, or organizations in your area. They will help you apply for Basic Health.
- Watch your mail for information on your eligibility for medical coverage through DSHS. Make sure you contact us with the information we need.
- Get needed medical care now. Basic Health does not offer as many services as DSHS.

**Questions?** Call the Medical Assistance Helpline toll free



**1-800-562-3022**

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
TTY/TTD users call 711 or 1-800-848-5429